

VETO MESSAGE.

March 15, 1875.¹⁰

Hon. Guy M. Bryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir:—I return herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 788, being "An act to incorporate the Brazos Santiago and Rio Grande Canal Company," and respectfully ask its reconsideration.

This bill proposes to authorize the company it charts, to construct a canal from the bay or harbor of Brazos Santiago, to some point on the Rio Grande between Clarksville and Brownsville, and to grant the usual land subsidy.

Articles 5 and 7 of the treaty between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, ratified at Guadalupe, Hidalgo, February 2nd, 1848, are very explicit and full in providing that neither of the high contracting parties, without the consent of the other, shall exercise any right over the navigation of the Rio Grande river, which "may impede it in whole or in part, not even for the purpose of favoring new methods of navigation." The canal proposed to be made, it is believed may very probably interfere with the navigation of the river contrary to this treaty stipulation. I respectfully ask a reconsideration of this bill.

RICHARD COKE.

¹⁰House Journal, 663-664.